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OYEN, ALBERTA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1914.

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selection, as you will have a finer
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Local Items

Fine weather for December!

A Happy New Year to you!

Dan Irving left for a short
visit with relatives in Moose
Jaw last Saturday morning.

John Nelsmith, Jr. left on
last Friday morning for Prince
Albert.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanecek returned
from Calgary Monday.

Mr. J. Desso returned from
Spokane, Wash., last Monday
morning.

Miss T. Brandt, of the Bank
of Toronto staff, spent Christ-
mas with Miss Lilian Herron
at Alaska.

Floyd Horne spent Christmas
with friends near Chinook.

Trapper A. Swan of the 28th,
Light Horse returned to Saskatoon
on Monday night's
train to rejoin his regiment.
Thos. George of Cappon, accom-
panied him as far as Rosemont,
as he had received a telegram,
to report there for active service.

Coed Stalina left on Monday
for Saskatoon, where he will
endeavor to enlist for overseas
service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard
Alexander entertained a few
friends at Sunnyside Ranch on
Christmas Day.

Constables Stewart and
Walker entertained a number
of friends last Wednesday even-
ing, to supper at the Stampede
Cafe and later adjourned to the
Barbours, where the rest of the
evening was pleasantly spent.

Messrs. Walter Brown and
Harry Appleton left for Cal-
gary Monday. They will
endeavor to enlist with the
Canadian Overseas Expedition-
ary force.

Leave your films at the News
office to be developed. Prints
also made.

During the week our town
had quite a military aspect
with so many of our boys about
the streets attired in military
uniform for the first time in its
history.

Mr. S. A. Miller spent Christ-
mas Day in Chinook.

Mr. Elmer McArthur of
Chinook was in town yesterday.

Mr. Chas. L. Dunford was the
guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. G.
Holmes, of Alaska, on Christmas
Day.

The school children are enjoy-
ing the Christmas holidays.

Mr. W. V. Miller of Mildred,
Sask., was entertained by Mr.
and Mrs. P. Peterson, Christmas
Day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Barbour
returned from Taber, Sask.,
this morning.

Mr. J. Howard Alexander was
slightly injured last Monday
night. The telegram on which
Mr. Alexander was riding
struck a rock.

Mr. F. A. Pope of Sunnyside
was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Wm. Glenz of Holmsdale
was a town visitor yesterday.

Mr. Ephraim Colly, asks us
to contradict the statement
made in our paper issued on
December 17th, which intimated
that he had found his lost oxen.
Mr. Colly informs us that he
has notices in 9 post offices and
at Gullkoon Bros. Livery at
Essex, and up to the present
time has not word of them.

Local Boys Entertained

On Saturday evening Messrs.
Walter Brown and Hugo Cad-
son entertained all the soldier
boys in town also a number of
friends to supper at the Stamp-
ede Cafe when a very sumptu-
ous repast was provided.

Lieut. Jones was in the chair
and at the outset called the
troops of His Majesty the King
which was enthusiastically
responded to in the singing of
the National Anthem.

After supper, speeches were
made by Messrs. Thos. Lees, B.
H. Dial and J. A. Jones.

The toast to the Oyen squad
now in training was also given
and Private Alex McDonald
modestly responded on behalf
of his comrades.

"It's a long way to Tipperary"
was then called, for and it
fell to the lot of the drum-
mer to supply the demand; the
whole company numbering 23
persons, made the building
resound to the echo with the
chorus of the new world fam-
ous British marching song.
After another song by Walter
Brown, who was in great form,
the whole company at the in-
vitation of Constables Stewart
and Walker (without whose
presence the company would
have been incomplete) adjourned
to the barracks for the
remainder of the evening,
where an impromptu program
was continued.

We are pleased to record the
fact that the 28th Light Horse
is represented by Trapper A.
Swan who came down from
Saskatoon.

Various songs, patriotic and
otherwise were sung. There
were also various acrobatic per-
formances of quite original
character. Everybody was
happy in the fact that it was
not only Christmas but that
they had in their midst some of
our own boys, who were in
khaki, and who were first to
enlist in Oyen and are now in
training preparatory to embark-
ing to take their places fear-
lessly in the firing line in
defence of the Empire.

We say to them good luck,
every success for a brilliant
career for each one and a safe
and happy return. Oyen Island
will continue to be proud of
them.

Annual Meeting of School Trustees

The annual meeting of the
Schools Trustees was held in
the office of Mr. B. H. Dial on
Tuesday afternoon, when the
three trustees and five ratepay-
ers were present.

After hearing the minutes of
past meetings a discussion fol-
lowed by ways and means for
the coming year. It was point-
ed out by the trustees that
unless the taxes for the past
year were paid up within the
next few days it was doubtful
whether they would be able to
reopen the school. They ad-
vised the meeting that a special
appeal had been sent out by
the secretary of the Village of
Oyen, to all the ratepayers,
which they hoped would show
good results.

Education is one of the great
problems of Western Canada
today, and considering the
amount of money expended

Grand Wrestling Match

in OYEN on

New Year's Eve.

See Announcement on Page Five

Lamps ! Lamps !

The long winter
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Choice Santos Coffee ground or in bean	35c
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Red Rose, Seal brand and Alberta's Best	50c
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STRAYED—from W 1/2 25-24-1 one, bay gelding, clyde type, white stripe on face and hind legs white, weight about 1250 lbs. Information leading to recovery, will be rewarded. John A. McArthur, Oyen, Alta.

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OYEN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Jan. 3rd.

Sunday School	2.30 p. m.
Preaching Service	7.30 p. m.
Benton School	3.00 p. m.
Brays	11 a. m.

Rev. Geo. A. Steele, Pastor.

H. C. Swartzlander

M. D.

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R. M. Cereal Meeting

Council met at final meeting of 1914, at Oyen, Alta., Dec. 28, 1914, at 8 p. m.

Present: Deputy Reeve, and Councillors, Dell, Cottrell and Bakken.

Deputy Reeve in chair, which was taken by Reeve Ada Inter. Minutes of last council meeting were read and considered.

Bakken—that the following corrections be made in minutes of Nov. 7th, just read. Cottrell's motion to set aside minutes was presented but not passed. Bakken's motion to reconsider minutes of Dec. 10th, was passed whereupon the entire proceedings were reconsidered and approved of with exceptions of appointments of returning officer and D. H. O. for Division No. 1, which were declared out of order.

Dell—that minutes of last meeting be passed now. Bakken—that the auditor in making the complete audit for 1914, be requested to show an itemized statement of the sundries account and a complete statement of total amounts paid and due each separate school district in the municipality and that said report be published together with Auditor's annual report.

Dell—that we adjourn for lunch.

(continued next week)

Local and Personal

Mr. Robert Dahlberg of Heinsdale, is a visitor in town today.

Mr. J. M. Sinclair, arrived in town this morning and will take Mr. Jas. Thompson's place at the Crown Lumber Co's yard.

Mr. James Eldin, of the Bank of Toronto, has received instructions from head office to report for duty at Veteran, Alberta.

Mr. L. L. Howe, who sustained a broken jaw on Monday, the result of a kick of a horse, was accompanied to Saskatoon on Tuesday by his brother Albert Howe. His friends will be glad to hear that he is progressing favourably.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. W. C. Hoskins on Thursday afternoon January 7th, at 2.30. Each lady is requested to bring one 25c. Year's resolution, the one considered best will be accepted as the motto for the New Year.

Stoner - Richardson

Mr. Albert Arren Stoner and Miss Ellen Richardson, both of Oyen, were united in the bonds of matrimony on Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed in the presence of immediate friends, by Rev. G. A. Steele, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Joseph Richardson.

On Nov. 28th, one large black sandy cow with ring in nose was found by me on the 25th 1914-2 W. 4th. W. S. Ayer, Poundkeeper, S10.00, Alta.

Lost—somewhere between town and Wallace Fisher's place, on Saturday, December 10th, a grey fur muff. Will finder kindly leave same at the office of the Oyen News, and receive reward.

AT THE ELEVATORS.

Wheat, No. 1 Northern	97c
No. 2 "	94c
No. 3 "	88c
Flax	1.03
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Barley	65c

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Social Evening at Excel

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McGaffin, Master Robert McGaffin and Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Duck, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Gilbertson on Sunday, Dec. 27th. The afternoon was pleasantly spent chatting about old times and Mr. Gilbertson entertained his visitors with a few selections on the violin. The guests and host and hostess sat down to a very fine rabbit supper. The rabbit was brought along by Mr. Duck, who shot it while in his garden.

Two of Mr. Ducks' neighbors were seen the next evening, following what they supposed were rabbit tracks, but which proved, on investigation, to be the tracks of Mr. Duck's dog.

Annual Meeting

of School Trustees

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each year, it is surprising that now interest is not shown by the ratepayers.

A financial report will be published in another issue of the paper.

Mr. W. T. A. Walker, the only retiring trustee, was unanimously re-elected, so the Board of Trustees will be the same for 1915 as in this year. Vice-P. H. Dial, chairman, W. T. A. Walker, Sec.-Treas., and G. H. Scott.

**The Patriotic and
Belgian Relief Funds**

The Patriotic Fund

Previously acknowledged \$80.45
Arding Grain Co. 3.22
James Lees 2.00
Total \$104.95

The Belgian Relief Fund

Previously acknowledged \$63.25
Arding Grain Co. 3.22
James Lees 2.00
Total \$68.60

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The Oyen News

Benton Valley School

A very successful evening was held at the Benton School by the members of the Sunday School and Bible Class, on Tuesday, December 22nd, when the proceeds of the evening were placed to the credit of a fund for the purchase of a musical instrument.

Mr. J. Humphries, in his address from the chair, expressed regret at the absence of the Rev. G. A. Steele of Oyen, who was expected to preside over the meeting, but unfortunately had been unable to reach the school house on account of the stormy weather. He also regretted that Mr. and Mrs. Dalton were absentees. Their musical selections are always appreciated by the people of this district and their presence on this occasion would be missed by all. Dwelling on the object of the social, he thought that a very desirable step had been taken, in as much as it would help to stimulate interest in the Sunday School, which could and would answer a most useful purpose to all the residents of the district.

He extended a cordial invitation to one and all to attend the Sunday Services. These services, conducted on home-like lines, so that every one attending same could appreciate and enjoy them, would, he thought, appeal to all, and in them nothing objectionable would be found to members of any denomination.

He thought it was a fitting time to for the people of the district to attend these meetings. The somewhat lonely lives led by many of the residents would be greatly enlivened by a new line of thought which would be found in taking up various problems. In the midst of the distress occasioned in this district, as in many others, by the drought last season, we have the still more terrible crisis of the European War, and it must be apparent to all that the least we can do is to meet together and intercede for the brave fellows who are fighting our battles under most trying circumstances.

Speaking of the programme which would presently be given he asked the audience not to expect too much. Dark night and wintry weather had made it difficult for those taking part to rehearse. However, he thought they would give a very good account of themselves, and judging by the keen appreciation shown by the audience, those taking part are to be heartily congratulated on their good work.

The programme was as follows:

Recitation Master D. Shaul
Banjo Solo Mr. Cox
"The Holy City" Mrs. Hall
"March of the Men of Harlech" Orchestra.

"Old Johnny Cope" Mrs. C. Humphries.
Recitation Master E. Singh
"Where the violets grow" Mrs. Hall.

Master John Miller.
"The girl I left behind me" Orchestra.

Recitation Miss Minnie Shaw
"The Girl of Harlech" Mr. Jones.
This was followed by a "Tale told of the Natrons" by the Sunday school children. As each child appeared, everything an emblem symbolic of the country represented, the orchestra played suitable airs in which the audience heartily joined in.

The various countries were represented as follows:

Canada Master L. Humphries
America Master John Miller
Ireland Miss Connie Shaw
Scotland Miss C. Humphries
Wales Miss Mildred Thomas
England Miss Winnie Shaw

Additional Items

Mr. John Osust of Muhlbach left town for Saskatoon, Winnipeg, on Wednesday morning.

Jack Taylor, who was recently given the decision over Cutler of Chicago in the World's championship catch-as-catch-can wrestling, arrived in town on Wednesday morning from Saskatoon.

Wm. Benzie, returned to town this morning, after a very pleasant vacation at his home in Portage La Prairie.

Claus Clauson, who wrestles Jack Taylor here tonight, arrived in town this morning.

Floyd Horne slightly injured one of his ankles, while skating last night.

Lincoln Howe was unfortunate in having his jaw bone broken on Monday.

Phoenix Bargain Period

The real bargain in Newspapers is The Saskatoon Phoenix, at the Bargain Period rate of \$2.00 per year. Subscriptions must be sent in between Feb. 1st and 7th.

This paper will take your subscription and send it in without extra charge or you can forward the money direct to The Phoenix, Saskatoon.

This part of the programme was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience and considerable credit is due to Miss Holliston, Miss Tuttle and Mrs. Humphries who assisted the young people.

The chairman then announced the arrival of Santa Claus. As he entered the building all covered with snow, the orchestra struck up "Jingle bells" and the audience indulged in loud applause. After remarking what a fine bunch of children were present he proceeded to distribute some really fine dolls to the girls, nicetops to the boys, and Christmas stockings containing oranges and candies, to each. Santa Claus' arrival was great surprise to the children, but their appreciation was very real. Santa then announced that he had a very fine plated plate which Mrs. Baker had asked him to bring, and expressed the desire to be allowed to take a collection on it. Receiving permission, a collection was made totalling \$15.50 when everyone present cheered very heartily for Santa Claus.

The chairman thanked the audience for their kind appreciation and generosity. He announced that supper was about to be served but before having same, he would like to thank the performers most heartily for their excellent services, especially the orchestra who rendered most pleasing music, which he thought had never before been equaled in Benton. He also wished to thank Mrs. Shaw for the loan of the piano. Those taking part in the orchestra were: Mr. Hall, piano; Mr. Cremin, first violin; Mr. Bosse, second violin; Mr. Cox, banjo.

A very fine supper, supplied by the ladies of the Sunday School, was enjoyed by all and at the conclusion of same, flash light photographs were taken by Mr. Cremin. A much portion of the remaining cakes realized another few dollars bringing the total proceeds to almost twenty dollars. The evening entertainment was then brought to a close by the chairman who thanked the ladies for their excellent supper, and wished one and all a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

A vote of thanks to the chairman proposed by Mr. Hall was seconded amidst loud applause.

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